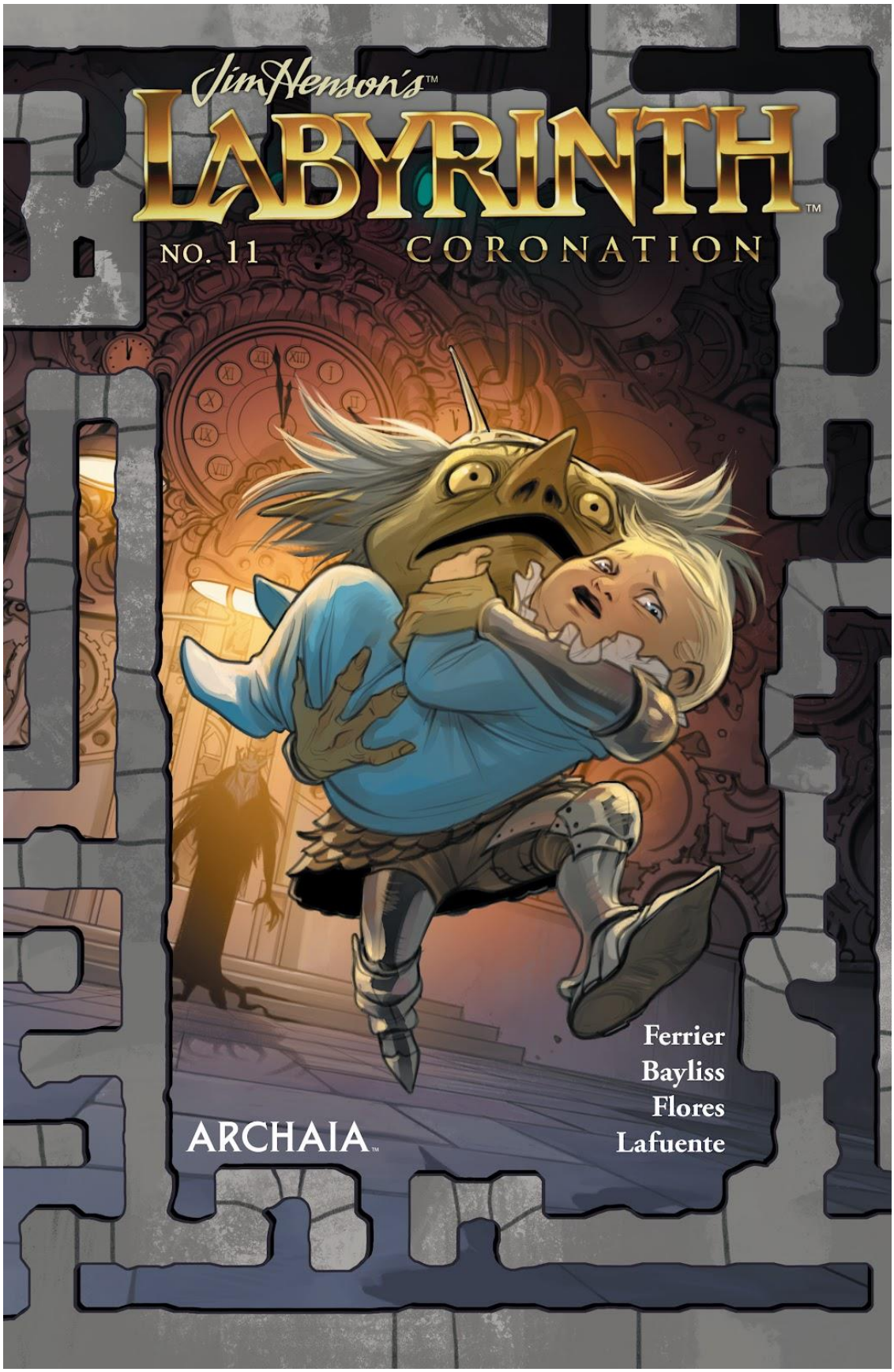
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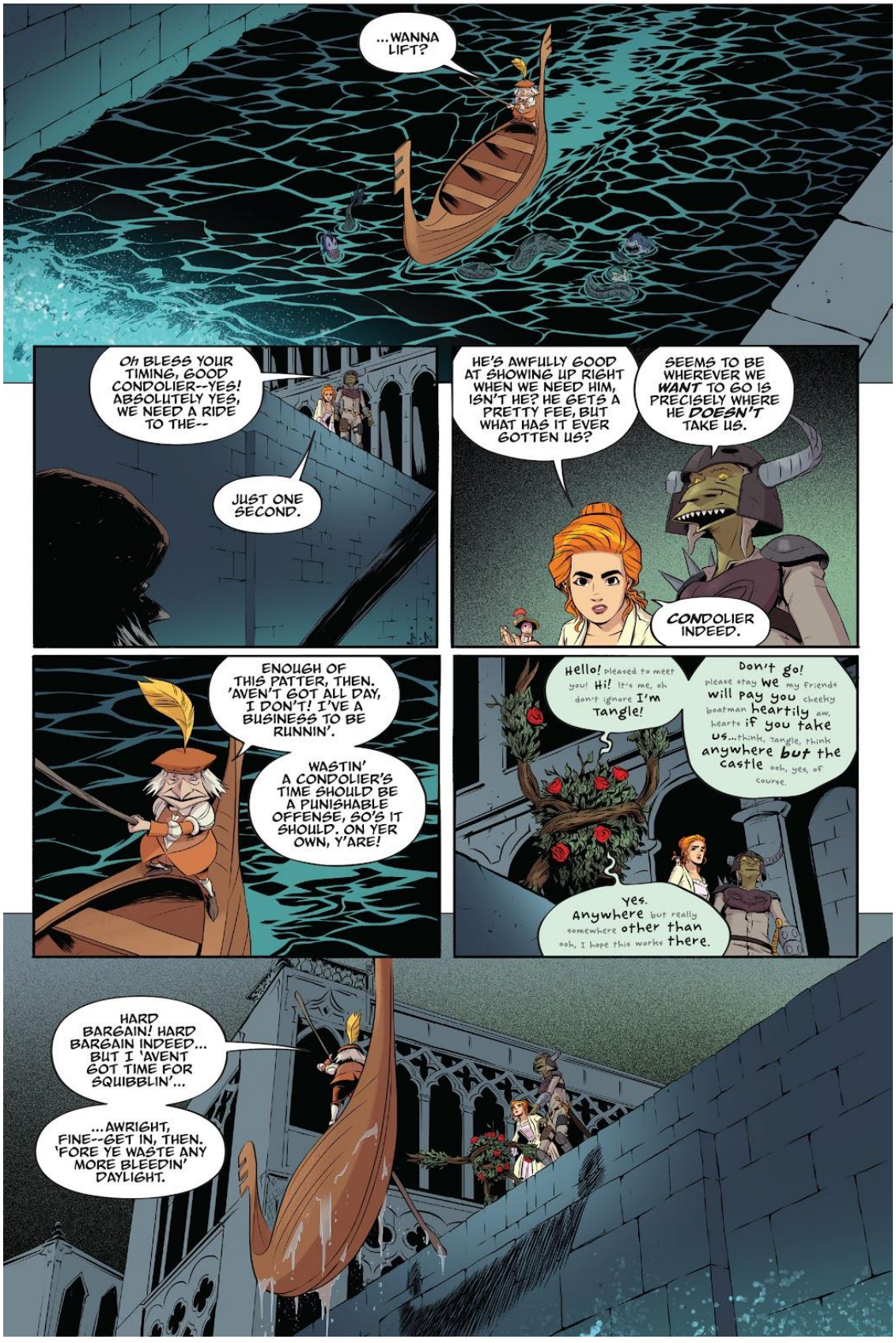
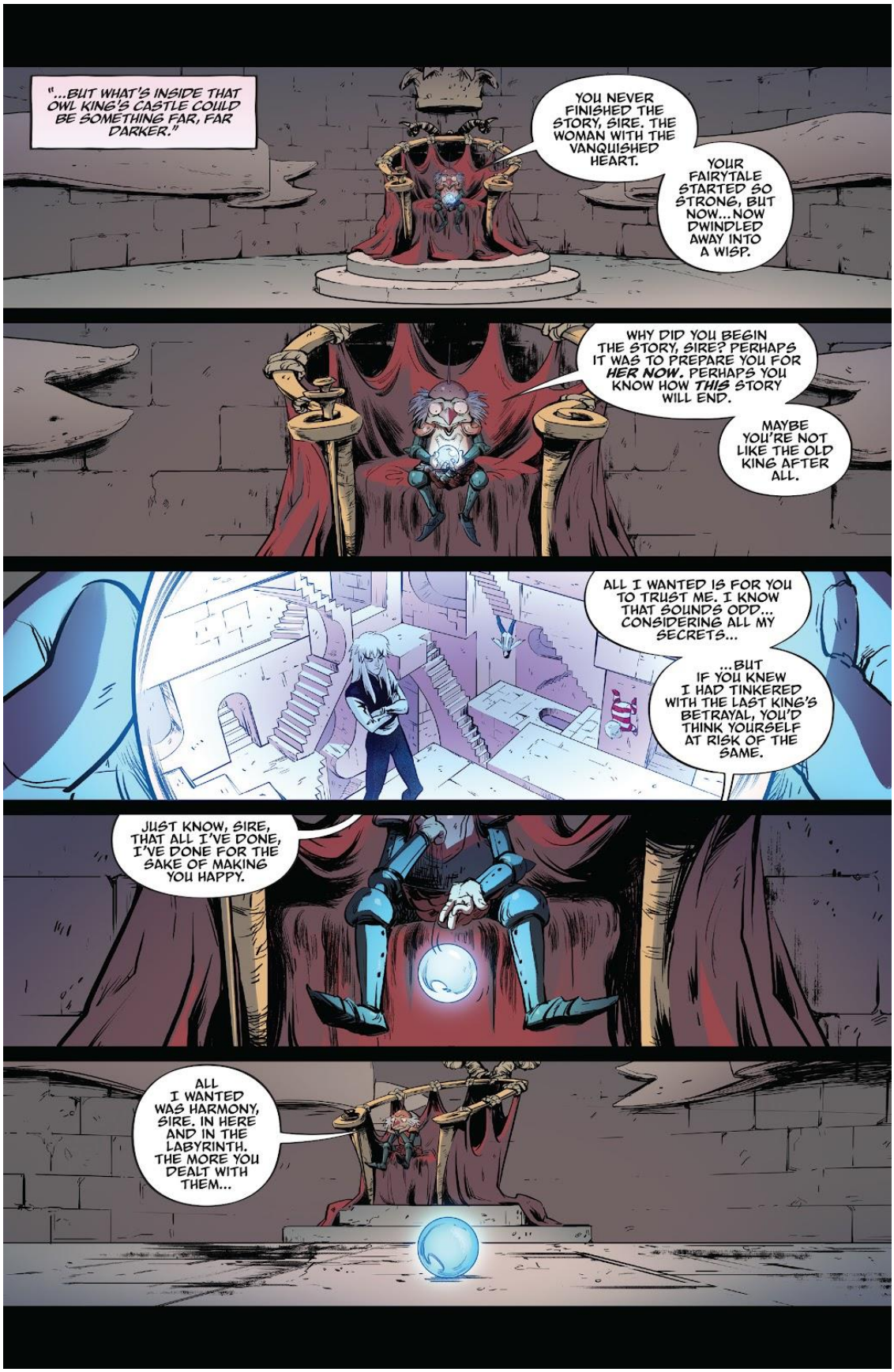
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING IN THIS DAMNED PLACE...
...I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
Oh, MARIA. I'M SO SORRY.
AYE, A RIGHT TANGLE YER IN, LOVE.
Yes? Yes! That's me hello, I'm tangle! Happy hm, you all don't seem happy to be of maybe a hug service to but they said no cuddles you!
MY CHALK. I HAVE TO USE IT. I CAN DRAW A BRIDGE... OR...OR A LADDER.
OR A BOAT! A CATAPULT! A SWING! WHY, I COULD EVEN MAKE STILTS IF I HAVE TO!
STAND BACK, SKUBBIN, I--
MARIA, NO! YOU MUSTN'T! YOU SAID SO YOURSELF, YOU CAN'T RISK USING YOUR MAGIC CHALK YET.
YOU WILL SURELY NEED IT MORE ONCE YOU CROSS THIS MOAT.
FINE. I'LL SWIM ACROSS THEN. I'D RATHER TRY AND BE EATEN BY SOME FOUL SEA-BEAST THAN SIT HERE DOING NOTHING.
I SAY! YOU THERE...


...WANNA LIFT?
Oh BLESS YOUR TIMING, GOOD CONDOLIER--YES! ABSOLUTELY YES, WE NEED A RIDE TO THE--
JUST ONE SECOND.
HE'S AWFULLY GOOD AT SHOWING UP RIGHT WHEN WE NEED HIM, ISN'T HE? HE GETS A PRETTY FEE, BUT WHAT HAS IT EVER GOTTEN US?
SEEMS TO BE WHEREVER WE WANT TO GO IS PRECISELY WHERE HE DOESN'T TAKE US.
CONDOLIER INDEED.
ENOUGH OF THIS PATTER, THEN. 'AVEN'T GOT ALL DAY, I DON'T! I'VE A BUSINESS TO BE RUNNIN'.
WASTIN' A CONDOLIER'S TIME SHOULD BE A PUNISHABLE OFFENSE, SO'S IT SHOULD. ON YER OWN, Y'ARE!
Hello! pleased to meet you! Hi! It's me, oh don't ignore I'm Tangle!
Don't go! please stay We my friends will pay you cheeky boatman heartily aw, hearts if you take us...think, Tangle, think anywhere but the castle ooh, yes, of course.
Yes. Anywhere but really somewhere other than ooh, I hope this works there.
HARD BARGAIN! HARD BARGAIN INDEED... BUT I 'AVENT GOT TIME FOR SQUIBBLIN'...
...AWRIGHT, FINE--GET IN, THEN. 'FORE YE WASTE ANY MORE BLEEDIN' DAYLIGHT.

GET YER PAYMENT READY! GOLD AND SOULS PREFERRED!
TANGLE, YOU'RE BRILLIANT. IF THIS WORKS, WE JUST MIGHT MAKE IT. YOU'RE A HERO.
A hero? Did she say "hero?" Oh, I've never ever ever heard do my ears deceive me? such praise eep my heart is so full.
I DO SEEM TO RECALL A CERTAIN WEE TREASURE CAUGHT YOUR EYE BEFORE.
THE RING. GET US WHERE WE NEED TO GO AS SAFELY AND QUICKLY AS YOU CAN, AND THEN IT SHALL BE YOURS. FOR KEEPS THIS TIME.
=HRMM=
AWRIGHT, THEN! ANYWHERE BUT THE CASTLE, FOR THE PRICE OF THE SHINY RING!
HANG ONTO YER PANTS, IT'S A CHOPPY ONE OUT!
A NICE LITTLE TREASURE IT IS INDEED, THAT RING. Heh.

Hah! TANGLE, YOU GENIUS--IT WORKED! ANYWHERE BUT THE CASTLE.
oh, it was oh my gosh, it did work and they love me nothing.
HOLD ON ONE MINUTE THERE, GOBLIN! YOU BE OWIN' ME A FINE RING!
GO ON THEN. PAY UP. NO FREE RIDES 'ERE.
Ah. WELL, SEE NOW, GOOD CONDOLIER--THAT'S THE THING.
I DON'T POSSESS THE RING ANYMORE. I LIED.
YOU WH--
YOUR SERVICES ARE MUCH OBLIGED, HOWEVER. HAPPY TRAVELS!
BLEEDIN', BLOODY, BLOOMIN' THIEF!
SKUBBIN, YOU'RE INCORRIGIBLE! I'M PROUD OF YOU.
'AT'S THE SPIRIT! LAWS'RE MEANT TO BE BROKEN IN DIRE TIMES LIKE THESE.
TH-THANK YOU. WHETHER I LIKE IT OR NOT, IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO.
"WE MADE IT... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT."
"KEEP YER WITS ABOUT YOU NOW. WE MAY HAVE NAVIGATED THE LABYRINTH..."


"...BUT WHAT'S INSIDE THAT OWL KING'S CASTLE COULD BE SOMETHING FAR, FAR DARKER."
YOU NEVER FINISHED THE STORY, SIRE. THE WOMAN WITH THE VANQUISHED HEART.
YOUR FAIRYTALE STARTED SO STRONG, BUT NOW... NOW DWINDLED AWAY INTO A WISP.
WHY DID YOU BEGIN THE STORY, SIRE? PERHAPS IT WAS TO PREPARE YOU FOR HER NOW. PERHAPS YOU KNOW HOW THIS STORY WILL END.
MAYBE YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OLD KING AFTER ALL.
ALL I WANTED IS FOR YOU TO TRUST ME. I KNOW THAT SOUNDS ODD... CONSIDERING ALL MY SECRETS...
...BUT IF YOU KNEW I HAD TINKERED WITH THE LAST KING'S BETRAYAL, YOU'D THINK YOURSELF AT RISK OF THE SAME.
JUST KNOW, SIRE, THAT ALL I'VE DONE, I'VE DONE FOR THE SAKE OF MAKING YOU HAPPY.
ALL I WANTED WAS HARMONY, SIRE. IN HERE AND IN THE LABYRINTH. THE MORE YOU DEALT WITH THEM...

"...THE MORE I NEED TO KEEP YOU FROM THE CURSE OF DEALING WITH HUMANS."
TERRIBLY LARGE DOOR THAT IS.
I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST. PERHAPS A KNOCK IS WORTH A SHOT?
AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, I REFUSE TO BE THWARTED BY A GATE. HOW IN THE WORLD DO WE MAKE IT THROUGH?
=HUFF=
=HUFF=
YOU CAN RUN, LITTLE GNAT, BUT DON'T WASTE YOUR PRECIOUS BREATH.
AT THIS RATE, NOTHING WOULD SURPRISE ME HERE...
KNOCK KNOCK

WHUMMMM
KTHNNNG
HOLD STILL, PEST! YOU MERELY WORK UP MY APPETITE!
WHICH WAS WAS IT...THINK, BEETLEGUM. THERE MUST BE A SECRET DOOR SOMEWHERE.
I AM THE FEATHERFANG! GUARDIAN OF THE KING'S GATES! TRANSIENT DESTROYER!
LEAVE THESE GATES OR FEEL THE ENTIRETY OF THE FEATHERFANG'S WRATH!
ROOOARR!
ACK! LOOK OUT, MARIA! I'LL HOLD THIS BEAST AT BAY-- FIND A WAY THROUGH!
I CAN'T... I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING, SKUBBIN! WE'RE TRAPPED!
THERE HAS TO BE A WAY.
NNGGRRAARRGH!
THERE-- SURELY A TRAP-DOOR...

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GGRRAARRGH! LEAVE MY GATES, SHOULD YOU NOT WISH TO ENDURE THE WRATH OF THE FEATHERFANG!
WE M-MAY HAVE TO ≥NGULP≤ ENGAGE THE BEAST. THERE'S NO OTHER W-WAY TH-THROUGH.
Oh, FOR THE LOVE OF--WOULD SOMEBODY PLEASE OPEN THE BLOODY GATE!
THIS OUGHT TO--
SHUNK
FWUMMMM
Huh. SOMETIMES I GUESS YOU JUST HAVE TO ASK NICELY.
RIGHT YE ARE.
≥AHEM≤ WELL THEN, AS WE WERE.

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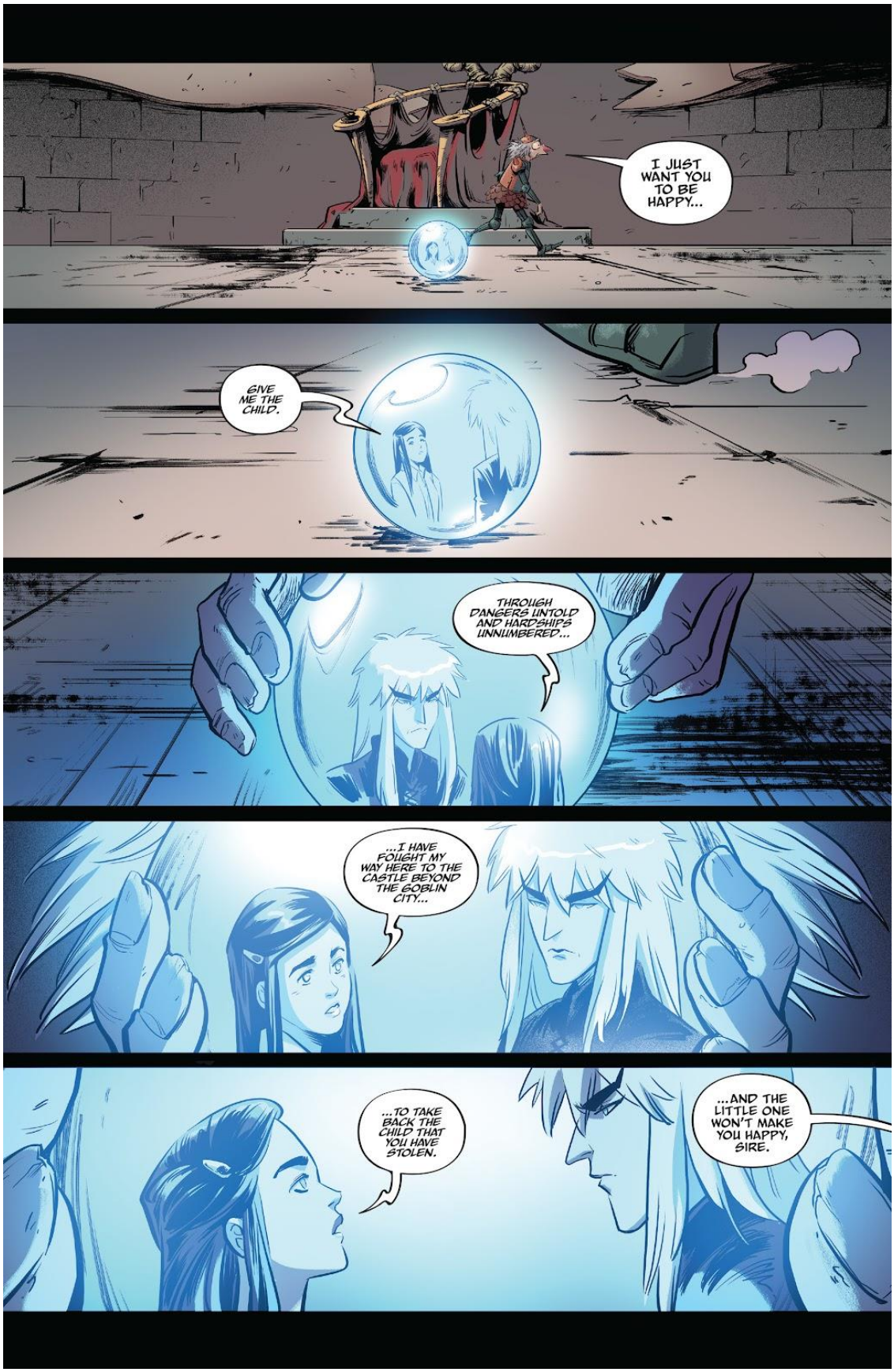
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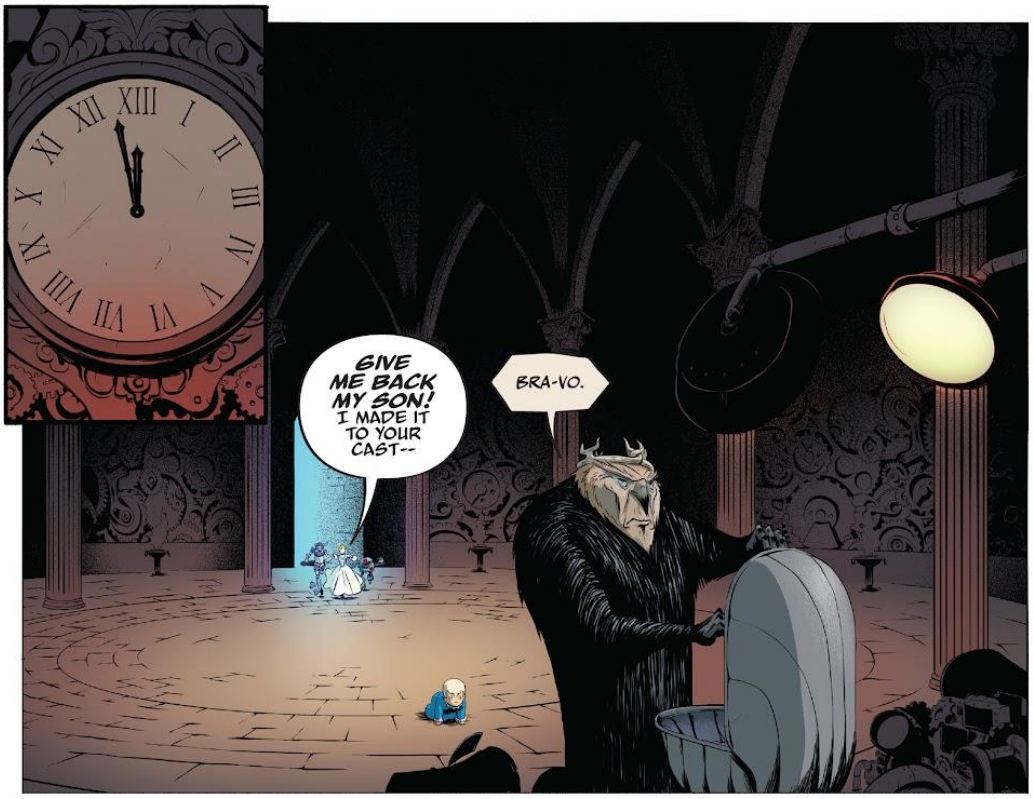
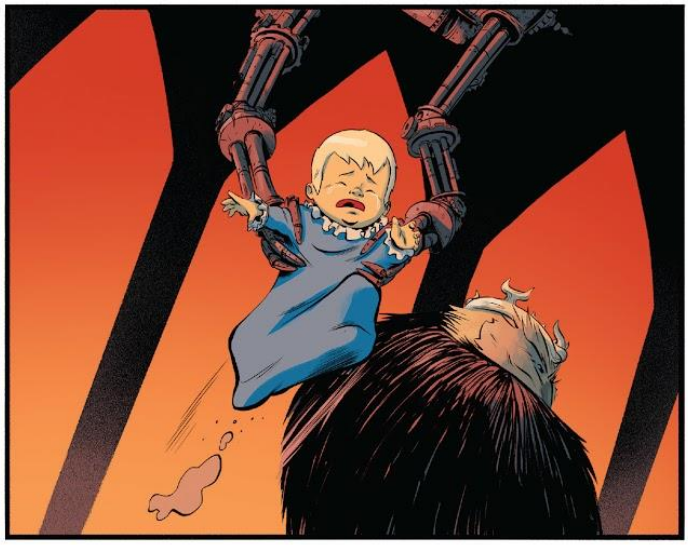
GIVE ME THE CHILD.
THROUGH DANGERS UNTOLD AND HARDSHIPS UNNUMBERED...
...I HAVE FOUGHT MY WAY HERE TO THE CASTLE BEYOND THE GOBLIN CITY...
...TO TAKE BACK THE CHILD THAT YOU HAVE STOLEN.
...AND THE LITTLE ONE WON'T MAKE YOU HAPPY, SIRE.


GIVE ME BACK MY SON! I MADE IT TO YOUR CAST--
BRA-VO.

M-M-MM-MAMA--
COME TO ME, BABY! MOMMY'S HERE, HONEY!

SNAP



YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD ALL BE SO SIMPLE? THAT EVERYTHING WOULD JUST TIE ITSELF UP IN A BOW, DIDN'T YOU?
:HMM: THAT SHEER IGNORANCE IS WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
NO! YOU PROMISED ME! I DID WHAT YOU SAID!
GIVE ME MY--
:HNNG: YOU CAN'T DO THIS! YOU FILTHY RAT, WE HAD A DEAL!
BY ORDER OF THE CITIZENS OF THE LABYRINTH, I, BUNDERGHAST THE INVINCIBLE, HEREBY COMMAND YOU RENOUNCE YOUR THRONE IMMEDIATELY!
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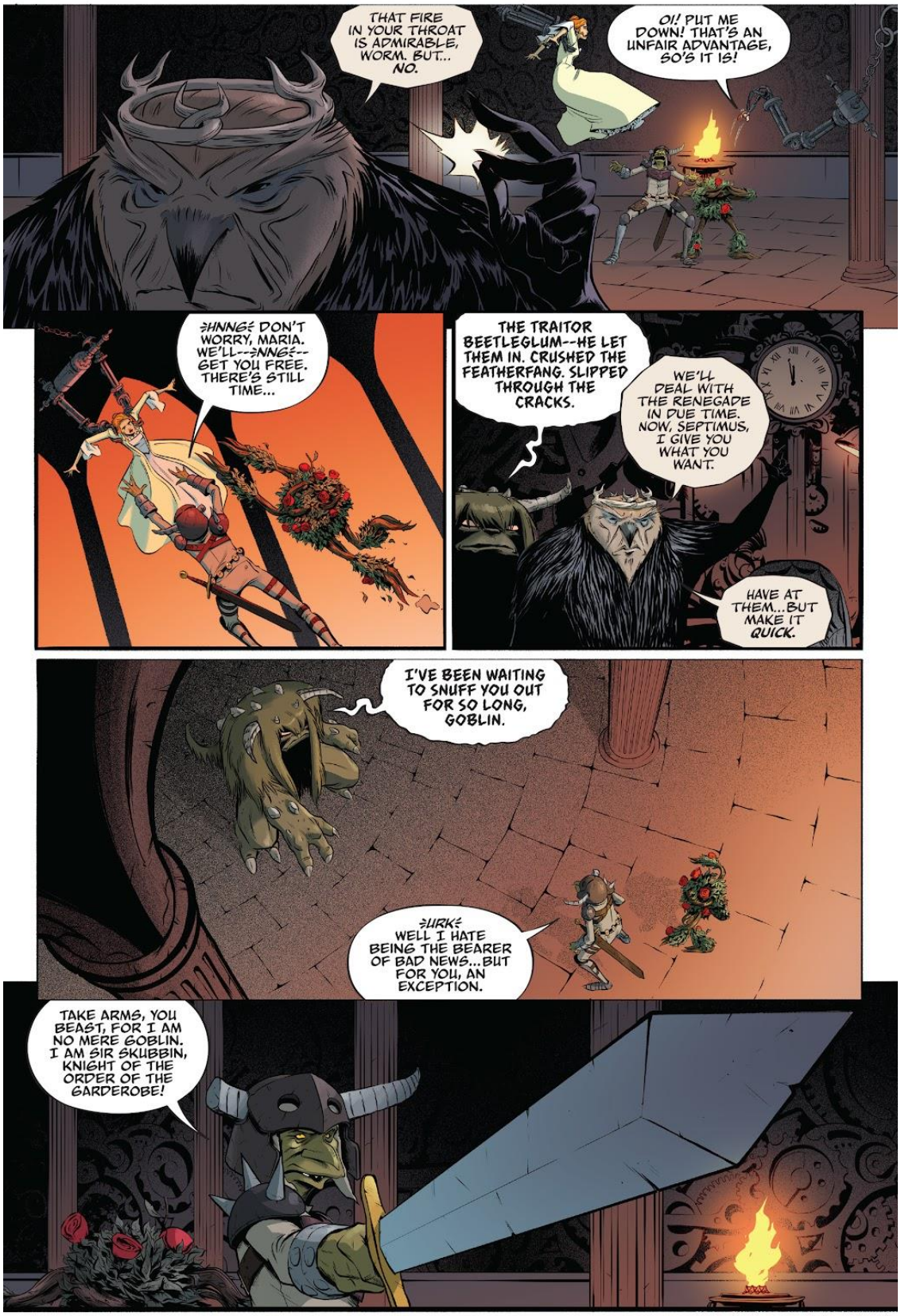
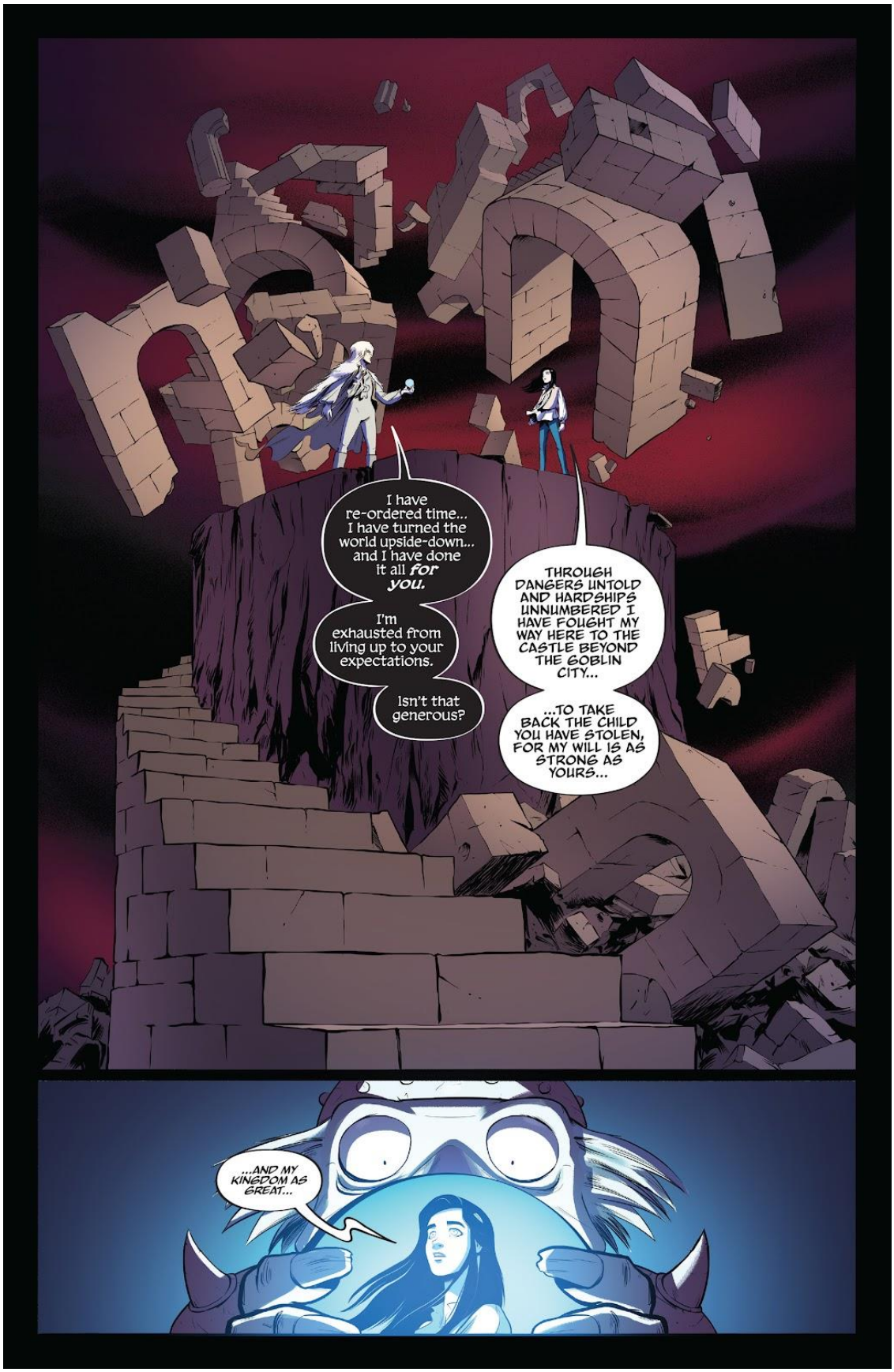

THAT FIRE IN YOUR THROAT IS ADMIRABLE, WORM. BUT... NO.
OI! PUT ME DOWN! THAT'S AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE, SO'S IT IS!
=HNNG= DON'T WORRY, MARIA. WE'LL--=NNG= GET YOU FREE. THERE'S STILL TIME...
THE TRAITOR BEETLEGLUM--HE LET THEM IN. CRUSHED THE FEATHERFANG. SLIPPED THROUGH THE CRACKS.
WE'LL DEAL WITH THE RENEGADE IN DUE TIME. NOW, SEPTIMUS, I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT.
HAVE AT THEM...BUT MAKE IT QUICK.
I'VE BEEN WAITING TO SNUFF YOU OUT FOR SO LONG, GOBLIN.
=URK= WELL I HATE BEING THE BEARER OF BAD NEWS...BUT FOR YOU, AN EXCEPTION.
TAKE ARMS, YOU BEAST, FOR I AM NO MERE GOBLIN. I AM SIR SKUBBIN, KNIGHT OF THE ORDER OF THE GARDEROBE!

ACK!
THWOM
oh dear, oh dear, oh no, oh--
wait! just one moment I remember why I came here! hello, I'm tangle ah, yes all coming back to me!
These pesky goblin flies are so oh so very itchy. I command you to command them to leave politely however! sorry, sorry don't fly away much please help hi, hello please
SNAP
But now that I'm here, how about a hug my name's tangle how do you do a nice, tight one?
KRRK
:ack: oh dear, oh no...
WHIGWHIGWHIG

HA! YOU UNDERESTIMATE ME, BEAST--NOW SEE WHAT A TRUE KNIGHT CAN DO!
PATHETIC. UTTERLY AND COMPLETELY EMBARRASSING.
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A SERVING WENCH BEYOND MY LABYRINTH...AND NOTHING MORE WITHIN.
YOU'LL NEVER BE ANYTHING MORE....
...NOT EVEN A MOTHER.
PRINK
GAAH!
HOW DOES THAT FEEL, YOU UTTER CAD?
MOMENTUM MAKES MIGHT!
KRRSH

XIII
PROTEST AND PANTOMIME ALL YOU WISH, MARIA.... THE HANDS OF TIME DON'T LIE.
YOUR SO-CALLED KINGDOM WAS IN DISARRAY WHEN I ARRIVED. AND NOW? NOW YOU HAVE A LEGION OF GOBLINS READY TO THROW YOU OFF YOUR THRONE.
YOU'VE TAKEN MY SON, BUT I'VE TAKEN JUST AS MUCH FROM YOU AND THIS LABYRINTH.
SO YOU HOLD ONTO ONE LAST, FLEETING FACT...
...YOU HAVE NO POWER OVER--
XIII
BONNNG
BONNNNNNNG
TOO LATE.


I have re-ordered time... I have turned the world upside-down... and I have done it all *for you.*
I'm exhausted from living up to your expectations.
Isn't that generous?
THROUGH DANGERS UNTOLD AND HARDSHIPS UNNUMBERED I HAVE FOUGHT MY WAY HERE TO THE CASTLE BEYOND THE GOBLIN CITY...
...TO TAKE BACK THE CHILD YOU HAVE STOLEN, FOR MY WILL IS AS STRONG AS YOURS...
...AND MY KINGDOM AS GREAT...

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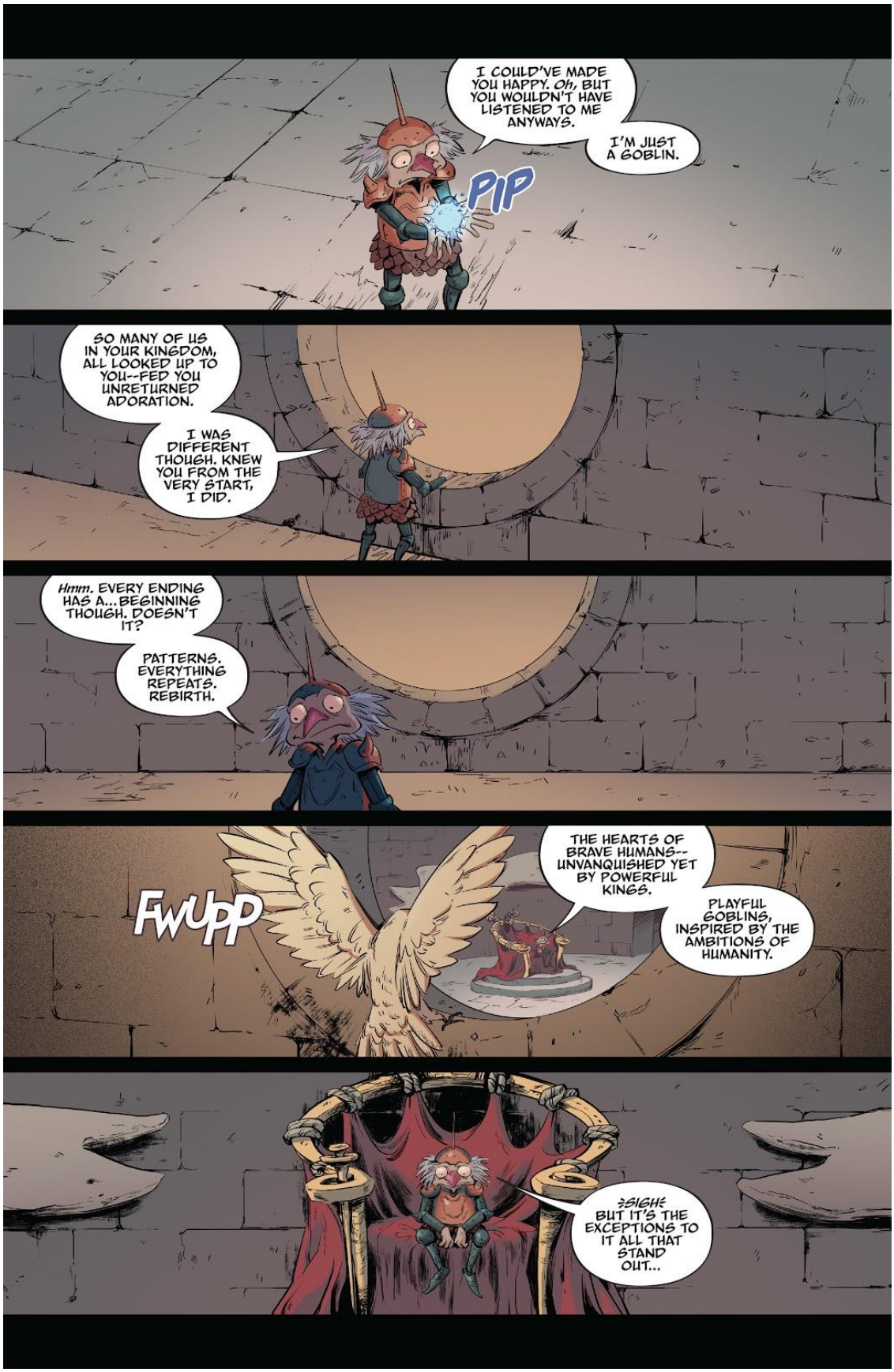
I COULD'VE MADE YOU HAPPY. *Oh,* BUT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LISTENED TO ME ANYWAYS.
I'M JUST A GOBLIN.
PIP
SO MANY OF US IN YOUR KINGDOM, ALL LOOKED UP TO YOU--FED YOU UNRETURNED ADORATION.
I WAS DIFFERENT THOUGH. KNEW YOU FROM THE VERY START, I DID.
Hmm. EVERY ENDING HAS A...BEGINNING THOUGH. DOESN'T IT?
PATTERNS. EVERYTHING REPEATS. REBIRTH.
FWUPP
THE HEARTS OF BRAVE HUMANS--UNVANQUISHED YET BY POWERFUL KINGS.
PLAYFUL GOBLINS, INSPIRED BY THE AMBITIONS OF HUMANITY.
SIGH BUT IT'S THE EXCEPTIONS TO IT ALL THAT STAND OUT...

"...THE TIMES WHEN CERTAIN VICTORY GAVE WAY TO THE FOULEST DEFEATS."
MUCH TOO LATE.
SWISH
YOU--YOU MONSTER!
Y-YOU...
TIME HAS RUN OUT. YOU HAVE NO POWER. THAT PRECIOUS WEAPON OF YOURS...
...NOW ONLY CHALK. A CHILD'S TOY.
WITH THAT, I HAVE NO USE FOR YOU, JUST AS YOU HAVE NO REASON TO BE HERE ANY LONGER. I HAVE ACHIEVED WHAT I WANTED AND WHAT I KNEW I WOULD.
SNAP
BEYOND THIS WINDOW, IS THE DUNG HEAP FROM WHICH YOU CAME. UNFULFILLING AND UNREMARKABLE.
YOU FIT RIGHT IN PERFECTLY. WHERE YOU BELONG.
SEPTIMUS... FLING THIS WENCH OUT OF MY LABYRINTH.

FOUL HUMAN. BACK TO THE TRASH PILE.
FINALLY...
KLIK
...THE TIME TO LIVE...
...IS NOW.
To be concluded...